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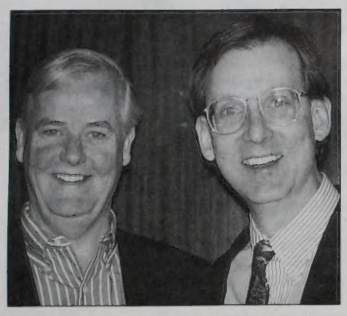
Canadian Christians Told To Get Down and Get Real

There is very little guaranteed in life.

When Jesus called His 12 disciples, He never promised their paths would be smooth. But they knew following Him was the best route they could ever take.

Like the chosen dozen, Christians today need to ask how each decision they make will further their discipleship role. Since life is supposed to mirror Jesus, this is often a challenge.



International lecturer and author Os Guinness, left, with friend Jeffrey Greenman, director of the MTS modular program.

The conventional definition of discipleship is, "one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another." From a Christian perspective, this means to follow the ways of Jesus in order to spread His Word. This definition has not changed since He first used the phrase. But more than ever, with the decline of Christianity today, there is an urgent need to build up disciples to go and carry out the Great Commission.

On January 22 and 23, international speaker **Os Guinness** gave the sixth annual Staley Lectures on campus. He delivered four messages on *Christians in the Modern World* and reminded the audience of the essence of a disciple's call.

"The word "calling" is one of the most manipulable Christian truths in history," said Guinness during his second discourse. "It becomes anything and everything. Sometimes, it is used to justify evil like slavery– people are "called" to be what they are. *Calling* in Scripture is always to someone, not to something or somewhere. *Calling* is to the Lord. *Calling* is by the Lord. *Calling* is for the Lord."

Guinness also said there was a danger of forgetting one's disciple role in the midst of North American comfort.

"I came to know Christ in 1960. Second only to the real joy of knowing Him over the years has been a settled and pervasive sense of sorrow about a condition those of us who call ourselves followers of Christ have today," he said. "How can there be so many of us in such a vital part of the world at such a time as we live in and yet be so marginal to the real life in our societies and so inconsequential in so many of our own personal lives?"

Paul Thompson, international church planter with World Team and writer, echoed these concerns about the North American Christian. He was plenary speaker during *Global Focus '97*, OBC/OTS' fourth annual missions conference. Thompson challenged the audience to get more involved with their communities.

"Go down into the uncomfortable regions of alcohol and crime and decay. Spend a little more time in the bars. Spend a little more time in the taverns. Spend a little more time on Yonge St. and get to know what it's like."

Thompson said his 18 years of church planting in Spain were most successful when walked in the shoes of those he was discipling.

"They began telling me about their worries. They began letting me go to their homes to meet their wives and children," said Thompson. "My children became involved with their children. We began to have parties together. We even went on vacations together. I learned their

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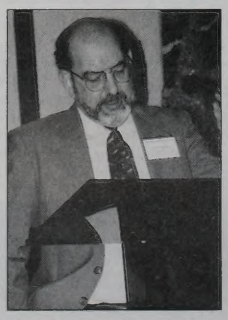

World Team church planter Paul Thompson addresses the school's fourth annual missions conference.

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Graduation

You are cordially invited to OBC/OTS' first joint graduation ceremony at Queensway Cathedral on May 3 at 2:00 p.m., 1536 The Queensway.

MINISTRY ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Personal, Spiritual and Professional Formation

Archibald Hart, psychology professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, is the guest speaker at a two-day ministry enrichment conference scheduled for April 4 and 5 on campus.

Breaking Free will address the issues freedom from dependency, abusive power in the church and integrating psychotherapy and spiritual direction on the first day. Stress-proofing your world, finding freedom from anger and healing broken relationships will be addressed the next. The talks gear toward developing healthier personal, spiritual and professional formations.

The author of 18 books including *Stress and Your Child* and *Overcoming Anxiety*, Hart is also an international lecturer. The seminar is sponsored by OTS, The Renewal Fellowship and Woodbridge Presbyterian Church.

Call Norm Kerr, conference coordinator, at ext. 6714 for more details on early registration and student discounts. Residence accommodations are also available.

1997 Honeyman Lectures

The second annual Honeyman lectures will be held March 18 and 19 at OBC/OTS.

Jeannie Lockerbie Stephenson, a veteran missionary and writer, is scheduled to speak on *Add to Your Faith: A Missionary Muses on 2 Peter 1*. She is presently the editor of *The Message*, a quarterly missionary's magazine.

These lectures are to be held from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. daily, during chapel time. On the first day, Lockerbie Stephenson will also speak on "A Christian Woman in a Muslim Society" from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. At 2 p.m., she is guest speaker on "Islam: A Christian Missionary Perspective" in James Beverley's comparative religions class (S102). The next evening, Lockerbie Stephenson will speak in Irving Whitt's theology in context class at 6:30 p.m. (S101). The topic is "Writing for a Cross-Cultural Audience."

Lockerbie Stephenson has served as a missionary in Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan) since 1963. For 30 years, she taught English and history to missionary children, lectured at Christian colleges and conducted writing workshops in India, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Togo, Thailand and the U.S. During this time, Lockerbie Stephenson also founded and developed a major publishing venture that distributes Bengali Christian literature internationally. She is the author of 22 books in Bengali—the world's seventh most widely spoken language—and has also written six books in English. For more information, call the OTS dean's office at ext. 2706.

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MEMORIAL

Sharon McVity Bell, 1951-1997

On January 20, Sharon Bell was killed instantly in a car accident near Grand Prairie, Alberta. The OBC/OTS community feels this loss deeply.

Sharon Ruth McVity was born in Japan to missionary parents. In 1969, she came to Toronto to study at OBC. She married John Bell in 1973 and they served for 17 years as faculty in the OBC music department. Sharon's gracious spirit and giving heart endeared her to the hundreds of students who studied under her tutelage.

A memorial service was held on February 12 at OBC/OTS. An audio recording of the program is available by calling ext. 2113.

KingdomARTS PRESENTS...

The Passion of Christ, a dramatic production with musical accompaniment about the death and resurrection of Jesus. This will be presented by OBC/OTS students on March 25 at 8:15 p.m. and March 27 at 9:15 p.m. in Hooper Chapel. A $2 donation at the door would be appreciated.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR DONORS

To reduce costs, OBC/OTS has implemented an annual receipt practice, effective immediately. Each time a gift is received, the school will continue to issue a statement, which will verify the donation. This can also be used as a temporary receipt. If you do require an official receipt for each gift, please write or call the school at ext. 2752. U.S. donors, to receive an income tax receipt, please send your gifts to D.M. Stearns Missionary Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 1578, North Wales, PA, 19454, U.S.A. Checks can be made payable in American funds to D.M. Stearns Missionary Fund. To indicate the gift is for OBC/OTS, write on the envelope or on a separate sheet of paper—not on the check—#315.

OTTAWA SUMMER SCHOOL

OTS and Dominion Chalmers United Church are offering courses in Ottawa during the summer months. Classes include "Interpreting Isaiah" by John Oswalt of Asbury Theological Seminary, "Preaching From Isaiah" by Mark Broda of Canadian Theological Seminary, "The Theology of John's Gospel" by Dominion Chalmer's senior minister Allen Churchill and "Theology in the 20th Century" by Kenneth Hamilton of the University of Winnipeg. Courses may be taken for credit or as independent studies. Call (613) 253-5144 for further information.

OBC/OTS INFO ON THE INTERNET

Events happening in the school can be found on the SONList, a Christian events calendar for Ontario. Its address is [http://www.rocklake.com/sonlist]

安省神學院及聖經學院培訓信眾深入研究聖經眞理，並且把神的道成爲他們的肉身，將福音遠行遠傳，做鹽做光，作主的忠心及終生的門徒和精兵。要打勝仗的話，精兵必須學習如何死而不是逃避死。我們懇請各教會兄姊不斷爲這群現時接受屬靈軍訓的神學生祈禱，讓他們專心學習怎樣每天被主破碎與重整。使他們在學院裡經歷到神，因而被神改變他們的思想和言行；在不久的將來能夠成爲神所重用的精兵，在教會及社會不同崗位上謙卑而誠懇地服侍神。~龔故榮牧師

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desires, dreams and longings. I learned what it meant to be Spanish."

He also emphasized that methods of evangelism need to be tailored to the audience.

"What you usually do overseas is practice what (Christian author) C.S. Lewis called "mere Christianity,"" said Thompson during a later interview. "In other words, what is the good news and how does it affect and apply in that society? If you impose North American views of culture and ideas of Christianity, you would be mistaken."

Discipleship in relation to contemporary academia is also vital. OTS Academic Dean Ward Gasque said that Christians need to continually make the Bible relevant to today.

"In our study of the Word, we don't stop simply with studying what it meant in the first century. We want to know what it means on the eve of the 21st century and how it applies to life. We constantly look at historic Christian faith for guidance."

Gasque also said the changing society requires OBC/OTS to respond productively to the challenge. "I want to see more lay people training here, to receive theological education to help them not only understand faith, but also, to be more effective disciples of Jesus."

Stephen Thomson, OBC professor of New Testament, said that 21st century disciples have the same purpose as the original ones did.

"The sign of any disciple is that he/she claims Jesus as Savior and God, and has embarked upon the life of following Christ," said Thomson. He also said the school is part of the ongoing discipleship process, which began in the first century.

"We recognize our role as an academic institution as one slice of the disciple formation. In class, conversation and community, we are involved with encouraging each other as disciples."

The school's goal is to be and make disciples as Jesus commanded. This, however, requires a Christological focus, something often overlooked.

"In North America, many churches are lacking because people are interested in crowds and numbers," said Paul Thompson. "People don't really have the desire to spend time to identify and respond to key problems others may have. We have hurting people all around because of this. Disciples need to meet these needs as Jesus would."

Although discipleship was never promised to be an easy route, there is nothing as rewarding as this Way. Guaranteed.

FOR SALE

CASSETTE SETS

Christians in the Modern World
Os Guinness ($25 for 4 tapes)

Evangelism Today
Michael Green ($65 for 11 tapes)

Authentic Leadership
Dan Webster ($55 for 8 tapes)

Living as a Christian in a Pluralistic Society
Don Posterski ($55 for 8 tapes)

INDIVIDUAL CASSETTES

A Leadership Led by God
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Michael Cassidy

The CD *Hope of Glory* is also on sale for $15. These items are all available at the bookstore and can be shipped for a nominal cost. They can be reached at ext. 2188.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Finding Your Way...
Principles of Spiritual Direction
SPEAKER: David Sherbino, OTS professor
DATES: May 11-16
LOCATION: Fair Havens Conference Center
PLEASE NOTE: Reading requirements are to be completed upon the start of the course. There is limited enrollment so register early. The pre-requisite is foundations of Christian spirituality or an equivalent course. Call ext. 6711.

Called to Teach
SPEAKERS: Gordon Smith, Ken Badley
DATE: May 28
LOCATION: OBC/OTS
TIME: 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m.
PLEASE NOTE: There is a discount if you register by April 1. Call Ken Badley at (403) 487-0522 for more information.

With Heart and Mind
SPEAKERS: Calvin Seerveld, Craig Gay
DATES: May 29-31
LOCATION: OBC/OTS
PLEASE NOTE: Contact John Franklin at ext. 6717 for more details.

URBANA '96

Staff worker Glynis Burkhalter visits with a prospective student at Urbana '96, a student mission convention held triennially at the University of Illinois during the Christmas holidays.

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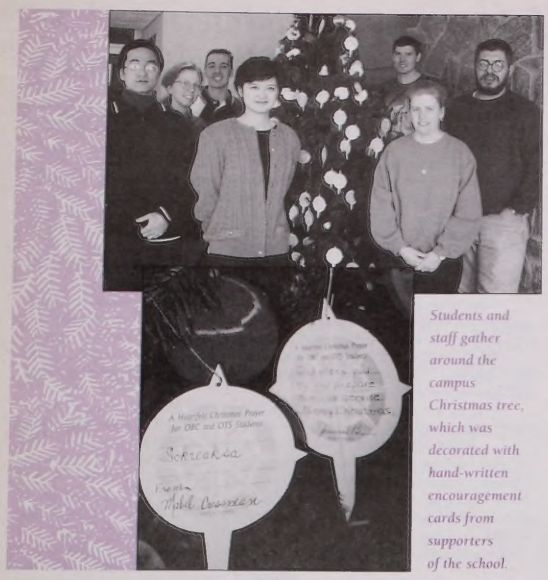

Students and staff gather around the campus Christmas tree, which was decorated with hand-written encouragement cards from supporters of the school.

Dear friends,

I was asked at a recent meeting of college and seminary presidents what our goal was. My response was quick and brief: to help win the world for Jesus Christ. Some were surprised. Some said theirs was to build excellence in theological education. And that is a most worthy goal—to provide quality education for church leadership.

But our ultimate concern is defined in our new mission statement: *To educate and equip Christians to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ.* This keeps our focus. Among all the things we do at both the college and seminary, when all is said and done, we desire with passion that our world is won to faith and love in Jesus.

You will see in coming months an exciting strategic plan that will give us a new and fresh understanding of our calling. You will learn of a plan to expand our offerings of education and to enlarge our capacity for its diversity. We want to use the best available resources to encourage the learning of the Word of God and to prepare for leadership.

Undergirding this strategic plan is a deep and abiding commitment to witness to our world of the Living Christ. On that there is no question.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Stiller

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President OBC/OTS

Worship Enrichment

"Renew Your Worship" is a leadership training workshop designed for anyone wanting to learn how to blend historic and contemporary praise. Robert Webber, associate professor of worship at OTS, will teach the class at various locations across Ontario. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the workshop wraps up at 4 p.m.

Windsor	Saturday April 5 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
London	Monday April 7 at Wortley Baptist Church
Guelph	Saturday April 12 at Lakeside Bible Church
Niagara Falls	*Monday April 14 at Redeemer Bible Church*
Oakville	Saturday April 19 at Chartwell Baptist Church
Toronto	Monday April 21 at Ontario Theological Seminary
Oshawa	Saturday April 26 at Zion Christian Reformed Church
Peterborough	Monday April 28 at Calvary Pentecostal Church
Kingston	Saturday May 3 at Bethel Associated Gospel Church
Ottawa	Monday May 5 at Dominion Chalmers United Church

To register, call (630) 510-8905.

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CHURCH'S CORNER

OBSERVING LENT: RESOURCES FROM OUR CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

By Paul Friesen,
OBC professor of history

Why is there a Christian Calendar? Evangelical Christians have long celebrated Sundays as the chief day of the week. Worship on this day is a testimony to faith in a risen Christ, in a society which tends to devote itself to making and spending money seven days a week. Likewise, evangelicals try to celebrate Christmas and Easter as crucial events in the life of the church rather than special shopping seasons which Valentine's, Mother's and Father's day seem to have become as well. But there is much more to the Christian calendar. The church from the earliest centuries testified against the pagan names of the months and years, as well as their holidays, by creating an extensive alternative calendar that witnessed to their Savior. Advent leads up to Christmas (celebrated with a wreath with candles in some evangelical churches). But little is known about Lent, the season that commemorates Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, the time from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday.

What is the purpose of Lent? It is intended to be a period of spiritual preparation for the events of Holy Week. This week changed the course of human history, beginning with Palm Sunday and extending through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and ending with the joyous arrival of Easter.

How might our local church observe Lent in preparation for Holy Week? It is unrealistic to expect that all churches and denominations would want to observe Lent in the same way. Ashes and the color purple (a symbol of sinfulness) and the *Stations of the Cross* (which recall Christ's suffering on our behalf) are used by some. But there are more basic disciplines that come down to us across the centuries: special periods of fasting, self-examination, prayer, giving up certain pleasures which are gifts of God, a special focus on the study of the Bible and the preparation of new converts for baptism on Easter. These elements tell us and the world around that the Christ who died for the sins of humanity is the center of our life, our calendar.

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The Pothole at the End of the Rainbow

By Larry Willard, VP Development

I am persuaded that the Lord works everything out for good and that we should thank Him for the pleasant things that happen as well as the unpleasant. But I must admit that I was dubious about anything good coming out of the encounter with the city over our parking lot problem. Neither was I thankful about the timing of the disastrous event.

As you may remember, in our last issue of *Connection*, we reported the ghastly news that North York city council sent a letter to Vice-President of Finance Winston Ling, informing him that the school had 30 days to get the parking lot paved or a court order would be served. Our investigation discovered that the school had missed not just one mandatory completion date for paving the parking lot as promised in our seminary expansion plans, but in fact had missed three additional extensions, and there were no clemencies left.

No one wanted that lot paved more than we did! It had become the source of jokes among students, embarrassment with visitors and outrage with our neighbors. This also did nothing for our Christian witness.

Records showed that poor finances had made it virtually impossible to complete the $400,000 to $500,000 project when planned. And at the time we received city hall's letter, we were no better off.

Knowing nothing short of a miracle would save us from a disaster, we began asking our partners to pray to God for wisdom on how to handle this bombshell. We were thankful when, soon after, a dedicated donor came forth with a proposal. He offered to give us an interest-free loan for half the amount needed if we would generate a modest user-based revenue to repay him. We asked students and staff how they felt and most agreed that the solution was preferable to closing down the school.

Next, a major building contractor in the city came forward and offered his entire staff's expertise to help draw up plans for the paving. He also volunteered to serve as an ongoing consultant for the project free of charge. How we thank the Lord for His care!

Now that left us $200,000-$250,000 short of the cost. But thankfully, creative supporters have said that they are willing to pay the cost of one parking space if others will join them in doing so. Some are even willing to pay for a square yard of asphalt.

We have calculated that paving a single parking space would cost about $1,000 and a square yard, $70. I guess you could fill a medium-sized pothole for $50. I never would have imagined that such a discouraging problem would turn into such an exciting adventure.

There may be many of you out there who would love to join our other friends and be part of this Heavenly road gang. You may want to help pave a full space, a yard or a pothole. Whatever you choose, we would be most thankful for your participation. Please let me know if you want to be a part of this project. Alumni, churches and friends can call me at the school (ext. 2707) to let me know you want to join us in this adventure.

I'm having memorabilia pins made up that say, "I paved the way for a miracle at OBC/OTS." Donors will be invited to a special parking lot celebration this summer. Even the neighbors are being asked to join us.

So, as you can see, I have many reasons to be thankful that this disaster happened. Without it, the Lord wouldn't have had a chance to perform another miracle here at the school.

The situation could have been worse. At least we don't have to pave the lot with gold like the roads in our Heavenly home.

Sympatico Special Internet Service Replaces School Program

Students, alumni, donors, churches and friends of OBC/OTS across Canada can now purchase top quality Internet services at a reduced rate and help the school at the same time.

A new agreement signed with Sympatico (provided by Bell Canada) replaces the previous offer advertised by OBC/OTS. The new package gives customers all of the features of the popular Sympatico Internet service but at a reduced price, while OBC/OTS receives a 4% rebate for all billings signed through them.

"We are now able to offer a competitive service right across Canada, accessed locally in most major cities," said Larry Willard, vice-president of development. OBC/OTS customers will save 35% one the start up kit, 20% on the monthly rate and 33% on additional hours used during the month.

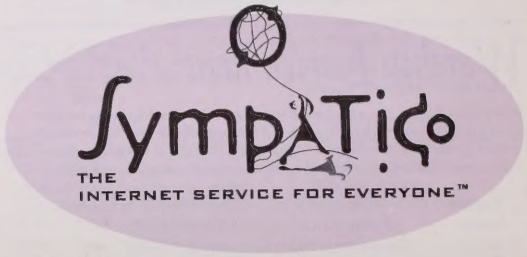
Under the program, OBC/OTS customers will have direct access to the school's website right on their Sympatico home page. All news and key information about the school will be right at your fingertips alongside the local and national reports.

"The Sympatico service has a number of filters on unwanted materials, which can plague users," said Willard. "No matter which city you live in, the news, town highlights and weather are local."

There are two options: a highly competitive regular service and a light option that runs at a normal Sympatico rate but with a reduced start-up cost. Currently the service is only available for PCs but Macs will be offered later on.

This offer is also extended to any churches or friends of the school. Willard said this was very generous of Bell since they lose revenue and give a 4% rebate on all OBC/OTS billings. He also apologized for the inconvenience initial inquirers may have experienced. "We hope the new service advantages will make up for it," said Willard.

For more information call ext. 2186.



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ALUMNI FLOOR HOCKEY

Go head-to-head, decade against decade in the first ever '80s vs '90s floor hockey game on Saturday, March 22 from 1 - 4 p.m. Contact the alumni office for more information.

CALLING ALL R.A. ALUMNI

The R.A. Alumni Floor Hockey Challenge '97 is on April 12 at OBC.

1:00 p.m.	opening ceremonies
1:30	women's game
3:00	men's game
5:00	pizza supper

Cheer us on! All alumni are invited to watch and stay for dinner.

FREE STEWARDSHIP SERVICES FROM OBC/OTS

We have produced a helpful booklet called *201 Strategies to Save Money and Lower Your Taxes*. Call for your free copy or for more information about our "Building Financial Security" seminar for you and your church at no cost or obligation. Find out about:

- reducing or eliminating your personal debt,
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- estate planning with particular attention to wills and powers of attorney,
- the joys of giving,
- establishing personal financial goals
- development of an effective spending plan,

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The seminar is conducted by Harry Denning, our stewardship services specialist.

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ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Friends, the directory is out! As the books were poised for shipping during the week of January 20th, we discovered a serious publisher error which was quickly rectified.

Alumni Keeping in Touch

THE COLLEGE

THE FORTIES

Edward Torejesen ('47) said that the most exciting event in their work in China during the past year was seeing the local church expand its intense leadership training to begin a one-year Bible school program. Pray for Evergreen as they work hard to keep up with growth on the field.

THE FIFTIES

Speaking engagements keep Cecil and **Lucille Gracey (Symes** '50) busy in Victoria, British Columbia. In September, Lucille needed surgery, but planned to resume her volunteer duties in January in the emergency department.

Hugh ('53) and **Olive Worsfold** ('54), who have worked in Costa Rica since 1956, are now retired and plan to stay there. They praise God for demonstrating to them the results of their labor—their most unruly youngster at vacation Bible school 30 years ago is now married and they have two daughters.

Jim Mason ('56) reported that there is still a great need for a Cinevan manager in Nigeria. Continue to pray for the right person to do this job.

THE SIXTIES

Ruth Thomson ('62), who is with Wycliffe Bible Translators, rejoiced for the completion of the New Testament into Kayapo. She requested prayer for responsible people to rent her home while she is on furlough and for Wakokra to not get discouraged as he cares for his flock.

Annemarie Hattenhauer ('62) reported from Cameroon, West Africa and said that teaching in the Baptist Theological Seminary has been much easier with the help of a modern computer.

Gladys Linthicum ('62) is retired after 33 years in Peru and praises God for the joy of serving Him in the Evangelical Seminary of Lima. She asked for prayer to find an apartment in Calgary, where she will move.

Bev and **Warner Spyker** ('64) completed their two-year assignment with SIM and are now working with the Africa Inland Mission as their Ontario representatives.

Grace Allison ('66) will be home from Africa for five months. Her hearing is declining and she requested prayers for an aid.

Carl ('67) and **Wilma DeBoer (Heylink** '65) began another leadership training course with 10 new prospective leaders for the Cell Group Ministry in Japan. Pray for the families touched as some are interested in the Gospel.

Carol and **Don Pickel** ('68), who work in Winnipeg with GMU, have a very busy schedule during the early spring. They ask for prayers as they continue to serve missionaries.

THE SEVENTIES

Lesley Kayser ('70) has been home in Ontario sharing in different places about her work in Bolivia. When she returns there, Heather Stainton will join her as an English as a second language teacher and a short-term associate with SIM.

Pray for **Bev Boyle** ('71) in Spain as she works with girls in a Bible study and as she develops new contacts with whom she shares the Gospel.

Robert and **Deborah Millar** ('77), serving with Global Outreach Mission, are rejoicing in Dublin because after two and a half years of praying, working and waiting, their church has now moved into their new building. Pray for their growing ministry with people in the area around the new church and for the workers who will be joining them shortly.

Paul Holmes ('78) is teaching in a Christian school after having served with his wife, Carol, in Africa for two years with Wycliffe. The Holmes and their five children now reside in Airdrie, Alberta.

Gerald ('78) and **Dorothy Hogenbirk (Henderson** '78) and their family moved from Cote D'Ivoire to Central Europe, where Gerald began a three-year term as field leader with the Alliance church.

Tom Oliver ('79) accepted a new position with the Canadian AIM office as coordinator. He begins in June. **Ruth** ('75) and Tom requested prayers for the myriad tasks that need to be taken care of in Kenya before they leave.

THE EIGHTIES

John and **Lois Dillion** ('81) give thanks for the birth of their son Benjamin, born September 16, 1996 and also for their new housing situation in Kuala Penyu. They asked for prayer for the completion of their first research project by June, in time for the renewal of their visa.

Dave ('84) and **Sandy Roberts** ('83) asked for prayers for a clear sense of direction as Dave considers taking on the now vacant position of secretary for personnel in the Zambia field. If elected, this new position would commence next January for a four-year term.

Pray for **Gloria Mallory** ('89) as she now looks for a new direction in her work life.

Pray for Bev and **Ruben Ramirez** ('89) who reported widespread corruption and violence in Colombia. Pray that the Lord will sustain Ruben, who has been having some serious health problems.

THE NINETIES

Pray for John and **Susan Iseminger** ('91) as they adjust to life in Montepuez, and for their language studies.

Marianne VanSchepen ('92) now works as a junior kindergarten teacher at a Christian school. Pray for the young lives that she touches.

Lynn Halse ('93) has left her position as research assistant and now works with YouthShine Ministries.

Breton Murphy ('95) and **Mary Jane Crouse** (OTS '95) were married September 21, 1996.

THE SEMINARY

THE EIGHTIES

Carolyn and **Doug Brown** ('88) requested prayer as they are in the process of applying for Canadian citizenship for Matthew, their adopted son from Zaire. This must be completed before their return there in July. They had a difficult fall season due to the sudden death of Carolyn's brother.

THE NINETIES

Gretchen and **Mark Potma** ('91) praised God that their Czech work permit has been extended to December 1999. Just this September, they started a new congregation with 20 believers in the Hotel Opatov.

Pray for **Linda Carmichael** ('92) as she serves in Kalimantan, Indonesia. She reports that there is much unrest and potential violence. Pray for those with whom she serves and for the Christian community in Indonesia.

Cheryl and **Peter Hambrey** ('93) are praying for someone to serve in Hyderabad for nine months to a year in September, to teach their children. This would enable them to continue their ministry there.

MEMORIALS

Hazel Mann ('55), March 14, 1996. Remember Hazel's family in your prayers.

Lillian May Benner ('23), April 6, 1996. Pray for her family and friends.

John McDonald ('55), August 7, 1996. He sang his way into our hearts.

Joe Baker ('56), October 29, 1996. His LBI friends will miss him.

David Whitfield ('52), January 6, 1997. Remember his wife Kay ('53) in your prayers.

Audrey Lowe ('52), January 10, 1997. Pray for Audrey's family at this time.

Sharon Bell ('73), January 22, 1997. So many students, alumni and friends will miss her.

Alumni, send us your news!

CORRECTION

In the previous issue of *Connection*, we inadvertently listed Ken and Sylvia Dresser as working for MAF. Ken and Sylvia serve as members of TEAM and do at times work closely with MAF. Our apologies for this error.

Do you know where these people are ?

We need your help finding the following people so they can be notified about their upcoming class reunion. If you can help us, please call the alumni office.

1947

Miss Muriel A. Langley
Rev. Bert T. McSpadden
Mr. D. Sims
Mrs. Carol Trumble

1952

Miss Edna V. Eade
Rev. Ronald W. Patterson
Mrs. Ora E. Weber

1957

Miss Audrey P. Anderson
Rev. David Cole
Mr. George W. Dean
Mrs. Myra Dean
Dr. M. Roy Gellatly
Rev. Robert W. Irvin
Rev. Floyd Shantz
Rev. Gil Shepherd

GOLDEN MILERS

If you graduated from the college in 1947, you're a member of a very special group of alumni called the golden milers. You're invited to be our guests at the OBC/OTS graduation on May 3 at Queensway Cathedral in Toronto, and to join us for lunch beforehand at a local restaurant. Contact the alumni office for more information.

ALUMNI FAMILY PICNIC

All alumni who graduated between 1972-1997 are invited to a family picnic at OBC on Saturday, June 14. Games, clowns, balloons and crafts will keep children entertained for part of the afternoon while alumni visit with each other and look at displays and memorabilia commemorating the last 25 years. Anniversary reunions for the classes '72, '77, '82, '87 and '92 will also be held. Any other years who wish to host a reunion are asked to call the alumni office.

LOOKING AHEAD

Alumni celebrating the anniversary of their graduation in '47, '52, '57, '62 and '67 will meet in October. This large alumni gathering is to be organized in conjunction with a ministry enrichment conference. Class presidents and secretaries are encouraged to call for more details.

A New Creation

Lee Bryant is a survivor.

In 1958, she overcame alcoholism after an eight-year battle. Her reason was simple: she discovered the Living waters.

"When I accepted Christ, it was easy for me to stop drinking," remembered Bryant. "My desire for alcohol just went away."

Bryant first found solace in drinking at the age of 19. The proceeding year, she lost her mother to cancer, one week before her 18th birthday. Drinking was her escape from harsh realities.

"My mother was my best friend. I wasn't close to anyone else in the family," said Bryant, referring to her father and brothers, who were 11 and 14 years her senior (she was adopted). "She was a strong Christian and I couldn't accept that the God my mother told me about was the same God who took her away so painfully."

After her mother's death, Bryant moved from Mississauga, the west Toronto suburb where she grew up, to the city. She pursued her passion for art. At this time, she met a lot of other artists who led fast-paced lifestyles and who also drank excessively. In 1956, Bryant moved to Kitchener, upon the warning from her landlady that the apartment was to be raided by the RCMP for narcotics. Bryant, who wasn't involved with drug use, took her advice.

Kitchener was a kinder place but her drinking continued. A brush with the law resulted in a night in jail.

"Being in there was a humiliating experience. I knew something needed to change," said Bryant. She went from job to job in Kitchener. A turning point occurred when she began reading *The Burden is Light*, an autobiographical book by Eugenia Price, who wrote about her hedonistic life and how it was transformed by Jesus.

"It was such a peaceful, powerful book," said Bryant. It was given to her by a minister's wife from a local church. After a year of close mentoring, Bryant's heart began to change. And so did her life. On February 19, 1958, she accepted Christ. The next year, Bryant enrolled at Toronto Bible College (now OBC) in the bachelor of theology program, inspired by the testimony of a student who sang at her church in Kitchener.

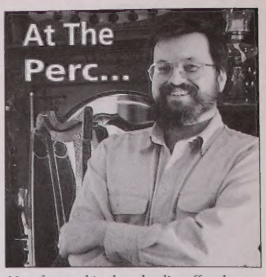
"This person, like myself, didn't live a predictable life. I could relate," she said. Bryant also knew that formal schooling would help her theology.

"I needed to get my atheistic thoughts out of my head, to flush them out. My life took a new direction and this was part of it." She graduated in 1963.

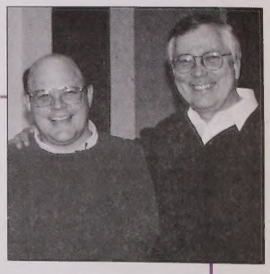
Remembering her TBC days, Bryant spoke with enthusiasm. "Chicago was a dynamic learning experience," she said, referring to her college supervised ministry job at the Pacific Garden Mission. "I also made many good friends, like family, while living in TBC's residence. They even allowed me to set up an art studio in the basement of Rhodes residence."

After graduation, Bryant wrote for many publications and has two published books, *Come, Fill the Cup* and *The Magic Bottle*. Both books are accounts of her life and the struggles she overcame. She has also since studied at the Universities of Toronto and Waterloo.

Presently, Bryant is a part-time professor at Conestoga College in Kitchener, where she teaches world religions and women in Canadian history. She is also a guest speaker at various Christian events and is constantly researching and writing. Bryant is at peace, fulfilled. She is a survivor, but more importantly, a new creation.



Now featured in the school's coffee shop are paintings by Christian artist David Rankine. Rankine says he is drawn to themes of redemption, rebirth and humankind's stewardship of the earth. His art is greatly influenced by other cultures, including the Celtic tradition.



Humorist and international youth ministry lecturer Duffy Robbins was keynote speaker on February 8th at the 11th annual Today's Teen conference. Robbins, left, is shown with OBC Academic Dean John Wilkinson. The event is sponsored in part by OBC/OTS.

PREPARING COMMON PEOPLE

Spring & Summer Courses 1997

Ontario Bible College

courses are 3 credits unless otherwise stated

SPRING PROGRAM

May 5-9, 9:00 am-12:00 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Introduction to Milton LITR 0378 Elizabeth Davey, MA, professor of literature

Church In the World: Exploring Ministry CHED 0108 David Russell, DMin, chair of ministry studies

May 5-9, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Urban Ministry PAST 0435 Daniel Scott, DMin, lecturer in intercultural studies at Westminster Theological Seminary

May 12-June 20, Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7:00-10:00 pm

Radical Evil in Soul and Society PHIL 0326 (prerequisite, 1 philosophy, 1 theology), John Franklin, MA, chair of general arts

May 12-June 20, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00-10:00 pm

Teaching ESL Communicatively TESL 0330 (prerequisites TESL 0310, 0320), Marilyn O'Donnell, TESL certificate, Ministry of Citizenship

The Gospel of Luke BIBL 0315, Stephen Thomson, ThM, professor of New Testament

There is More to the Story: Preaching as Narrative PAST 0332, Drew Strickland, MDiv, pastor at the Beaches Presbyterian Church

June 16-20, 9:30 am-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Christianity and Science RLGS 0321, Daniel H. Osmond, PhD, member of University of Toronto's faculty of medicine

JOINT COURSES OFFERED BY OBC/OTS

May 19-June 2

Bible Lands Study Tour: Israel & Jordan with an Egypt option. BIBL 0200, Brian C. Stiller, President OBC/OTS.

May 20-24, 9:30 am-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm Note: Classes start on Tuesday and go to Saturday due to a statutory holiday

Sermon on the Mount BIBL 0317/NEWT 0626, Robert Duez, PhD, OBC professor of theology

Christian Apologetics THEO 0534/THEO 0534, Dennis Ngien, PhD, OTS adjunct professor of historical and systematic theology.

May 26-30, 9:30 am -12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Open to God - Meeting Him in Listening Prayer and Scripture ONTS 0605/SPIR 0605, Rosemary Green, MA, visiting conference speaker from Nottingham, England

Gospel of Mark BIBL 0210/NEWT 0621, Michael Green, DD, author and international theological educator

June 2-6, 9:30 am-12:00 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Issues in Contemporary Culture SOSC 0204, Kenneth Badley, PhD, lecturer at Concordia College

Romans: A Theological Exposition. BIBL 0309/NEWT 0622, Desmond Ford, PhD, Bible scholar and teacher

Traditions of Protestant Theology, THEO 0321/0831, David Buschart, PhD, associate professor of systematic theology at Canadian Theological Seminary

June 9-13, 9:30 am-12:00 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Post-Modern Theology THEO 0322/0833, Bill Van Groningen, PhD, adjunct professor in religious studies at Queen's University

Personal Evangelism: The Gospel in Contemporary Culture INTC 0200/INTD 0835, John Bowen, DMin (cand), Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

June 16-20, 9:30 am-12 noon,1:30-3:30 pm

The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ THEO 0320/0736, Ajith Fernando, DD, national director of Youth for Christ in Sri Lanka

SUMMER BIBLICAL LANGUAGES INSTITUTE

July 21-August 22, Monday-Friday, 9:30 am-12 noon, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

Elementary Greek I & II LANG 0371, 0372 (6/8 credits), Erwin Penner, PhD, OBC chair of Bible/theology department

Hebrew Grammar and Exegesis OLDT 0611, 0612 (6/8 credits), Robert Hiebert, PhD, OBC professor of Old Testament

JOINT COURSES OFFERED BY OBC/OTS: SUMMER SESSION/BUILD YOUR FAITH WEEKS

August 5-9, 9:30 am-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Congregational Life: Getting the Job Done Through People CHED 0303, Linda Cannell EdD, associate professor of Christian Education at Trinity International University

August 11-15, 9:30 am-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

A Vision for Christian Education in the 21st Century CHED 0306/0658, Paul Bramer, EdD, professor of Christian Education, North Park Theological Seminary

Youth Ministry Administration YOUT 0302/YMIN 0691, Duffy Robbins, MDiv, *author and lecturer to and about youth*

Theology and Spirituality for Everyday Life SPIR 0602, Paul Stevens, DMin, dean of the faculty at Regent College

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May 10 - June 14, Saturdays

Counselling: Professional Ethics. COUN 0775 Brian Cunnington, EdD, professor of counselling Prerequisite: 572 or equivalent.

May 11-16, Sunday evening through Friday evening

Finding Your Way: Principles of Spiritual Direction SPIR 0601, David Sherbino, DMin, professor of pastoral studies. Pre-requisite: PAST 0542 (or equivalent). Students must register well in advance. Limited enrollment. Location: Fairhavens Conference Centre, Beaverton, Ontario. Cost: $300 for retreat (includes meals and accommodations) plus normal seminary tuition fees. Time: course begins Sunday evening at 7pm and concludes on Friday evening at 6pm.

May 12-June 20, Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 pm

Systematic Theology I THEO 0531 Dennis Ngien, PhD, adjunct professor of historical and systematic theology

Genesis OLDT 0615, John Kessler, PhD, professor of Old Testament

Preaching in a Multicultural Context PAST 0647, Daniel Wong, DMin, pastor at Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church

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Called to Disciple

While at OTS, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada pastor David Hazzard was glad to dispel a couple of myths about his denomination.

"Pentecostals were often seen as a speckled bird, a non-intellectual denomination," said Hazzard with a smile. "But being in an interdenominational environment like OTS helped me develop a clear understanding of what I believed. I enjoyed many stimulating discussions with students, especially those of other denominations."

Hazzard was born and raised in Wallaceburg, a town between Sarnia and Windsor. It was here he was brought up going to a local Pentecostal church. At age 22, after teenage years he described as rebellious, Hazzard sensed a strong call in his life. That year, in 1980, he enrolled at Eastern Pentecostal Bible College in Peterborough, after working seven years in his family's agricultural services business. Two years later, he transferred to Emmanuel Bible College in Kitchener. After graduating in 1983, he followed up on his desire to pursue further education and enrolled at OTS, graduating from the master of theological studies program two years later.

"Completing a masters degree opened many doors, including the opportunity to serve God in a third-world context," said Hazzard. After graduating from OTS in 1985, he and his wife Stacey, along with their three children, moved to Kenya (their fourth child was born there) and for three years, Hazzard taught theology at Pan Africa Christian College in Nairobi. Upon moving back to Canada, he and his family went to Edmonton, where he pastored a church. The Hazzards were there until 1994, when they were called to Queensway Cathedral.

While at OTS, Hazzard worked as a full time associate pastor at Pickering Pentecostal Church. He also served at Northview Pentecostal Church in Peterborough when at Eastern and during his Emmanuel days, was on staff at Kitchener Gospel Temple. Although it was a challenge to maintain his regiment of studies and work, Hazzard said this balance of theological education and service was extremely valuable.

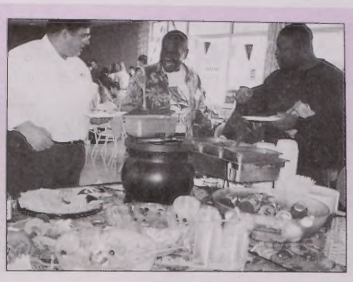
"Integrating school and ministry helped me deal with many significant issues, enabling me to develop leadership skills and to gain confidence."

Today, Hazzard serves at Queensway Cathedral in Etobicoke, which has a congregation of 1,500. He works with four full-time associates as a "pastor-teacher." He is also presently working on his doctor of ministry degree by correspondence at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. Although this is a busy lifestyle, Hazzard seems to thrive on it.

"It's important to marry theology with practice. You learn so much by combining the two."

From samosas to spring rolls...

OBC/OTS hosted an international food fair on January 28th during Global Focus '97, the school's fourth annual missions conference.



Rosemary and Michael Green will be on campus during the spring/summer sessions to teach courses from May 26-30. Rosemary is teaching "Open to God" and Michael, the Gospel of Mark.

FOR UNCOMMON SERVICE

Theology of John Calvin THEO 0632, *Victor Shepherd, ThD, professor of Theology*

May 13-June 21, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:30 pm

History of Christianity II HIST 0562, Donald Goertz, MA, lecturer in church history

Old Testament Theology and History OLDT 0511, Donald Leggett, ThD, professor of Old Testament

The Way of Chinese Thinking: A Christian response to Confucianism, Taoism and Chinese Buddhism CHIN 0604, Milton Wan, PhD, professor of theology and lecturer in the Chinese Ministry program

May 20-24, 9:30-12 noon. 1:30-3:30 pm Note: Classes start on Tuesday and end on Saturday due to a statutory holiday

Theology of Mission MISS 0586, Ken Gnanakan, PhD, executive director of the Asia Theological Association

Crisis of Care in the Caring Professions, COUN 579, Susan Phillips, PhD, executive director of New College, Berkeley

May 20-30, 9:30 am-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Aging and the Family: A Multi-Systems Perspective COUN 0776, Tamara Horton, MSW, lecturer at McMaster University

Frontier Christianity: Church Planting in Today's Canada MISS 0588, Connie denBok, DMin, PAOC church planter

Introduction to Islam MISS 0587, Lyman Kulathungam, PhD, professor of world religions at Eastern Pentecostal Bible College

June 2-6, 9:30 am - 12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Church, Mission, and Culture in North America INTD 0832, Alan Roxburgh, DMin, PhD, coordinator of the Gospel and our Culture Network

June 9-13, 9:30 am - 12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Pentecostal Spirituality PENT 0504, Steve Land, PhD, dean of the Church of God School of Theology

Galations, NEWT 0627, Robert Webb, PhD, University of Sheffield, former Plymouth Brethren pastor-evangelist, prolific author of scholarly essays, monographs, and papers

Korean Culture and Theology Today, KORN 0587, Thomas Hwang, PhD, Trinity International University, adjunct professor of missiology and director of the Korean Studies program, OTS

June 16-20, 9:30 am-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Education for Leadership Development CHED 0656 Yau Man Siew, EdD, dean of students at Singapore Bible College

Fundraising for Christian Organizations INTD 0655, Ben Harder, MA, president of Harder Associates

Prayer Paths to God: History and Practice of Christian Prayer SPIR 0603, Charles Nienkirchen, PhD, adjunct professor of Christian Spirituality

Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship WORS 0602, Richard Leonard, PhD, president of Laudemont Ministries

SUMMER PROGRAM

July 7-August 15 - Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 pm

Systematic Theology II THEO 0532, Dennis Ngien, PhD, adjunct professor of historical and systematic theology Prerequisite: 531.

Interpreting and Applying the Biblical Text BIBL 0501, Harry Hahne, ThD (cand), lecturer in New Testament.

July 8-August 16 - Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:30 pm

History of Christianity I HIST 0561, Peter Dunn, PhD, adjunct professor of New Testament and early Christian literature

Ecclesiastes: A Search for the Ultimate, OLDT 0518, Ronald Wyse, DD, adjunct professor

BUILD YOUR FAITH WEEKS

August 5 - 15
Offered in cooperation with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada

No class on Monday, August 4th. Replacement class scheduled on Saturday, August 9th.

August 5-14, 9:30 am-12 noon

Preaching from Colossians NEWT 0821,Mariano DiGangi, DD, OTS professor emeritus (2 or 4 units)

August 5-14, 1:30 -3:30 pm

Preaching from John, Raymond O. Bystrom, DMin, associate professor of pastoral ministries at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary (2 or 4 units)

August 5-14, 9:30 am-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Proverbs: An Old Testament Wisdom Classic for Today OLDT 0811, Barbara Lai, PhD (cand.), adjunct professor of Biblical studies

Church History: The First Twenty Centuries HIST 0560, Tony Lane, MA, senior lecturer at London Bible College

August 5-9, 9:30-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm Note: Classes start on Tuesday and end on Saturday due to a statutory holiday

Women in Biblical Perspective BIBL 0601, Sharon Gallagher, MTS, editor of *Radix* magazine

August 11-15, 9:30-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 pm

Theology and Apologetics in the Chinese Context, CHIN 0608, Thomas In-sing Leung, PhD, editor-in-chief of *Cultural China Quarterly*

Twenty Centuries of Christian Worship WORS 0603, Lester Ruth, PhD, visiting professor in the Institute for Worship Studies program at OTS

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Counselling Focus Seminars

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Counselling

The counselling seminars are led by individuals with expertise in the various issues being considered and are designed to provide an introduction to the theoretical and therapeutic aspects related to common problems in counselling. The fee is $10 at the door.

Counselling and Sexually Obsessive Thinking
Wednesday March 5 (1-4 p.m.)—Rod Wilson

Counselling and Healing Prayer
Wednesday April 2 (1-4 p.m.)—Elaine Pountney

Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis

Bill Lamb, a certified T-JTA trainer, will lead teach the administration, scoring and interpretations of this instrument for counselling individuals and couples. The fee is $75 and the registration deadline is March 5. This is limited to 15 participants.

Training Session
Saturday April 4 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Assessment and Treatment

The assessment and treatment seminar considers the theoretical and therapeutic approaches to specific "presenting problems." It will feature a theoretical introduction to the issue by Brian Cunnington followed by a videotape of the therapeutic approach as demonstrated by a world-renowned authority in each area. The fee is $10 at the door.

Closet Narcissistic Disorder
Wednesday March 19 (1-5 p.m.)—video featuring James Masterson

Brown Bag Lunch Videos

This provides participants with an opportunity to see what is currently available in video format from the American Association of Christian Counselors. Each is about an hour and features a theoretical discussion along with clinical vignettes. There is no fee.

Divorce Recovery
Wednesday February 26 (12:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)—Tom Whiteman

Approaches to Christian Counselling

This gives participants an in-depth consideration of the theoretical and clinical application of Biblical counselling. Richard Ganz will lead the seminar. The fee is $50 and the registration deadline is Friday, March 7.

The Basics of Biblical Counselling
Saturday March 22 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

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Faculty and Staff Notes

OBC adjunct professor **Rochelle Cole** has been teaching psychology at the school for the past year. Her specialization is in adolescent and adult development. She earned her Ph.D. from McMaster University. Cole is a psychologist at the Crossroads Family Center in Burlington and serves on the boards of two agencies for adolescents: Lamplight and Straight Talk. She is a member of Philpot Tabernacle (AGC) in Hamilton.

Ward Gasque, OTS VP and academic dean, professor of New Testament since 1995, completed his Th.M. at Fuller Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. at Manchester University. Gasque was formerly the provost and dean of graduate studies, as well as professor of Biblical studies, at Eastern College in Pennsylvania. He is on the executive of the Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Fellowship and is a fellow of the Oxford Center for Mission Studies. He and his wife Laurel attend Knox Presbyterian Church (PCC) in Toronto.

John Wilkinson is OBC VP and academic dean, OTS professor and coordinator of youth and educational ministries and the school's VP of strategic planning and institutional change. He is also a camping and youth consultant with Kesalon Ministries and assistant to the executive director at Youth for Christ Toronto. Wilkinson studied his M.A. and Ed.D. at the University of Toronto and has taught at the school since 1976. He and his wife Trish are members of Spring Garden Baptist Church (BCOQ) in North York.

Dennis Ngien, OTS adjunct professor of systematic theology, had an article published in February's edition of *Christianity Today* entitled, "The God Who Suffers."

OBC Independent Studies

By Robert Duez, independent studies coordinator

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